

- Death and Taxes -

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The oldest city's oldest law code:/ "Ur-Nammu,/ **mighty** warrior, king, / by the might of god,/ lord of the city, / **in accordance with** the true word, / **established equity** in the land; / **banished curse, violence,** and **strife**; / and set the monthly Temple **expenses** / at 90 barrels of **barley**... // The **orphan** was not delivered / up to the rich man; / the **widow** was not delivered / up to the mighty man; / the man of one penny was not delivered / up to the man of one "million." //

Tax is a duty of justice. // The first writing was **accounting**:/ banking for the gods / with memories that outlive men / baked into earth and water by fire. // Tax maintains **rites**, / defends rights, / and funded knights. // A just tax relieves and protects people / from acts of god. // Unjust tax bleeds / peoples, kingdoms, and empires / to death. //

Tax **paves the way**/ for **civilizations** and **revolutions**. //

何も確かではない / 死と税金以外は// 一方を選ぶことによって / 私たちはもう一方から逃れられるのだ//

最も古い都市の最も古い法典では/ ウル・ナンムという/ 偉大な戦士にして王は / 神の力によって / その都市の主として / 真実の言葉に従い / その土地に公平を打ち立て / 呪い、暴力、そして争いを追放し / そして神殿に支払う月ごとの納税を定めた / 90 個の樽のお麦と// 孤児が引き渡されることはない / 富める者に/ 未亡人が引き渡されることはない / 権力ある者に/ 1ペニーしか持たぬ者が引き渡されることもない / 「百万」を持つ者に//

税とは正義の名もとの義務である// 世界最初の書物は会計であった / 神々のための財務処理であった / その記憶は人の命を超えて生き長らえ / 火によって土と水に焼きつけられた("永遠に形を変えず残る"の比喻) // 税は祭礼を維持し/ 権利を擁護し / そして騎士を養った// 正しい税は人々を安心させ、守る/ 神の所業(地震など天災のこと)から// 不正な税は血を流させる / 人々、王国、皇帝に / 死に追いやるまで//

税は道を切り開き / 文明と革命に導く//

Vocabulary and Phrases

tax	税金	curse	のろ呪い	widow	未亡人
mighty	強い	violence	暴力	accounting	会計
in accordance with	に従って	strife	争い	rite	儀式
establish	築く	expense	費用	pave the way	道を開く
equity	公平	barley	麦	civilization	文明
banish	追い出す	orphan	孤児	revolution	革命

Total Number of words used

: 159 words

Time for 100 wpm

: 96 sec.

Time for 120 wpm

: 80 sec.

Your BEST TIME

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【Listen & Fill Blank】

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【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: What is certain?

Question 2: Who set the monthly Temple expense at 90 barrels of barley?

Question 3: What is something you want to be protected?

Ask 1: 答えが「knights」である質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 2: Justice についての質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 3: 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

Sample Answer 1: Death and taxes.

Sample Answer 2: Ur-Nammu, mighty warrior, king, etc...

Sample Answer 3: I want the roads to be always working.
I want my house protected.
I want my freedom protected!
I want Japanese rice to be protected.

Sample Question 1: What was one thing funded by tax?

Sample Question 2: What is justice?
How does tax help uphold justice?
Why did Ur-Nammu think temple money as important as justice?
When is tax unjust?

Sample Question 3: What is a shekel?
How was the first writing baked rather than written?
How much tax do I have to pay?
Which country has the lowest taxes?